

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Senate members present: Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Cavitt, Conroy, Covington, Czyzewska, Feakes, Furney, Hindson, Morris, Sriraman, Weill, White

Guests: President Trauth; Provost Bourgeois; Associate Provost Opheim; Andrea Golato, Dean, Graduate College; Debbie Thorne, Academic Affairs; Tom Grimes, Journalism and Mass Communication; Robyn Diaz, Library Liaison, Rebecca Banks, *University Star* reporter

Meeting called to order at 4:00

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG)

Graduate enrollment, President Trauth

- Goals for universities our size are to have attractive programs; niches people want; funding of graduate students as a priority for philanthropic fundraising
- Poised to increase masters enrollment in some fields, recruited at program level
- Ideal target for enrollment 12-15% at graduate level

Strategies to increase graduate enrollment, Golato

- Participation in information sessions for Graduate College and programs; college fairs; collaborate with MBA recruiter; McNair Scholars (for diversity)
- Graduate Council meets monthly to discuss recruitment and admissions to use current recruitment strategies and share toolkit of best practices
- Design templates for recruitment efforts
- Individual consultations with departments, undergraduate advisors
- Pilot project to advertise grad programs on the web; colleges of Business and Education to attract working professionals; will target *Austin American Statesman*
- Long-term project of surveying students modeled on Northwestern system
- Research presentations for graduate student conference
- Online masters programs, Merrick funds may be utilized, graduate advisors and faculty should be included in planning

National Research University status, Trauth, Bourgeois

- An evolutionary process, approximately a decade before the university attains sufficient tier one funding

Space utilization, Trauth

- State-wide, Texas State is at the top in space utilization formula, but some changes may improve efficiency

Online courses, Thorne

- Ability to take classes online is an important factor for many students in their decision to enroll
- Texas State has only 11 courses 50% or more online. These come from faculty who think their discipline is appropriate for online (often graduate students, focused, independent)

- More undergraduate online courses are being developed and planned, originating from departments
- Western Governors University is online, competency-based; Northern Arizona is among first to implement competency-based programs

PAAG review

Information items

- Senators were asked to forward discussion items for meeting with system Chancellor and Vice Chancellor
- Liaisons not in place for all departments
- Orientation and round table will be on agenda of meeting with liaisons Meeting in Alkek 105-106, next week
- University Curriculum Committee report will be on the agenda the second hour. The UCC will meet at 2:00 on Friday, Oct. 4 in Mitte conference room
- Oct. 24 for 6/11 revisions: Feakes, Conroy, Brown, Wuest and Covington to discuss Presidential Award policy revisions
- Development Leave reviews start Oct. 23 and will continue on Oct. 30
- Nine nominees for Piper Award

New Business

- Eligibility for developmental leave: The question of interim chairs eligibility to apply was raised. Because chairs review department proposals, this creates a conflict of interest. Senate recommends proceeding with current interpretation.
- Transportation Services Advisory Council: More reserved or restricted parking space was discussed, along with sharing reserved spaces
- PPS 04.04.42, concerning gender identity or expression, prohibition of harassment or sexual orientation, to discuss with Equity and Access Committee chair.
- Subcommittee on committee appointments process: Feakes, Cavitt, Stone, Conroy will meet Friday; stipulations for committee membership on webpage needed; charges needed for committees
- Joint meeting Nov. 20 with Deans and Chairs 3:00-5:00 in Reed Parr Rm.

Minutes of September 25, 2013, approved as amended

Adjournment at 6:03



